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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace former paragraphs [0001] and [0066] with the following new paragraphs [0001] and [0066].

[0001] This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application 10/141,855, filed on May 10, 2002, now U.S. Patent 6,619,417 issued on September 16, 2004, which is incorporated herein by reference. That application is a continuation of U.S. Application 10/082,349, filed February 26, 2002, now abandoned, which is also incorporated herein by reference. Through these application, this application also claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application 60/270,879, filed February 26, 2001, which is incorporated herein by reference.

[0066] FIG. 17 shows a side view of the preferred embodiment of the mechanism 400. Mechanism 400 includes a rod 420 on which a piston 422 is attached such that there is no relative movement therebetween. Enclosing the piston 422 and a portion of the rod 420 is a body 424. Preferably, body 424 comprises a cylindrical hollow tube with sealed end portions through which the rod 420 passes such that the rod 420 can push and pull the piston 422 within the body 424. A first end 426 of rod 420 is attached to the cross bar 64 at point 410 as explained above. In order to prevent damage to the body 424 in the event of counterclockwise rotation of the rocker arm assembly 66 far enough to cause contact between the body 424 and the cross bar 64, a rubber bumper 428 is installed on the rod 420 near the connection point 410 of the first end 426 of the rod 420 and the cross bar 64.